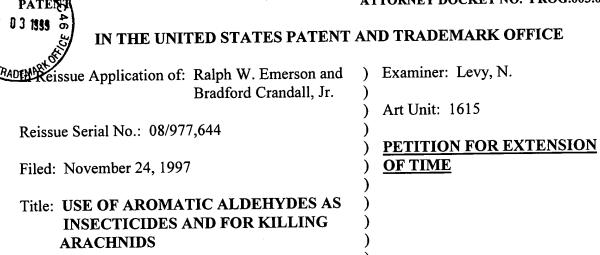
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions that the period for submission of the response to Office Communication mailed January 25, 1999, be extended an additional one (1) month to and including March 25, 1999. For the required fee see Transmittal.

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